



IFW

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Daniel Ray Downing )  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS )  
FOR CUTTING ELASTOMERIC )  
MATERIALS )  
Serial No.: 10/650,348 )  
Filed: August 28, 2003 )

Confirmation No. 6674  
Docket No. DN2001124D01  
Art Unit: 3724  
Examiner: Charles Goodman

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on October 6, 2004  
Lois Gould  
Lois Gould

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. SECTIONS 1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98**

Dear Sir:

Each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement. Also attached is a copy of the European search report.

Respectfully submitted,  
June E. Rickey  
Attorney for Applicant(s)

June E. Rickey, Reg. No. 40,144  
The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company  
Department 823  
1144 East Market Street  
Akron, Ohio 44316-0001  
Telephone: (330) 796-3328  
DLKljg

Enclosure(s)



<b>PTO-1449 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE</b>  <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</b>  (Use several sheets if necessary)	<b>ATTY DOCKET NO.</b> DN2001124D01	<b>SERIAL NO.</b> 10/650,348
	<b>APPLICANT (S)</b> Daniel Ray Downing	
	<b>FILING DATE</b> AUG. 28, 2003	<b>GROUP</b> 3724

**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initial	Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Sub-class	Filing Date if Appropriate
	5 2 6 5 5 0 8	30 November 1993	Bell et al.	83	136	
	4 5 1 6 4 5 1	14 May 1985	Takeshita et al.	83	171	

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initial	Document Number	Date	Country	Class	Sub-Class	Translation YES NO
	0 0 2 3 2 0 0	27 April 2000	PCT	B26D	30/46	X
	0 0 5 0 0 0 0	8 Sept. 2000	PCT	B29D	30/46	X
	0 4 4 4 5 7 3	4 September 1991	Europeo	B29D	30/46	

**OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)**

Examiner Initial	
EXAMINER	DATE CONSIDERED:

Examiner: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.